



DX bulletin 190

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DX news

Cancelled RT9K/9 'Legends of the Arctic'

According to the leader of the expedition Igor Znamensky UA9KDF, after analyzing the real ice situation and disappointing forecasts of the Hydrometeorological Service in the area of the islands planned to visit the Kara Sea, the participants decided to stop the further transition to the islands and transfer of the expedition's goals for the next year. Unfortunately, the actual thickness of sea ice, its hummocking and the presence of open water along the north-eastern coast of Taimyr does not allow achieving the stated goals on snowmobile technology in this polar season.

~~AS-121 Tyrtev Isl~~ <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS121>

~~AS-104 Nansen Isl~~ <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS104>

~~AS-068 Skott Gansen Isl~~ <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS068>

The RT9K team is active from these islands in the Arctic. They are active with 3 stations from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes.

Activation of islands:

Tyrtev in Nordenhjelda Archipelago (AS-121) estimated date 6-9 of March

Nansen (AS-104) estimated date 10-14 of March

Scott Gansen (AS-068) estimated date 16-20 of March

QSL via RX9KM. <https://yadi.sk/i/9ZxIEaf8x4SYz> <https://www.qrz.com/db/rt9k/9>

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This week on HF

3B8, MAURITIUS Paul, G8AFC is operating as 3B8HE until April 5. Activity from 40 to 6 meter. QSL via home call.

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is operating as 4S7KKG until April. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

5H, TANZANIA Maurizio, IK2GZU will be operating as 5H3MB from March 14 until April 12. Operation during his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

5U, NIGER A large team is QRV as 5U5R until March 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via EA5RM.

<http://www.dxfriends.com/5u5r/index.php>

5V, TOGO Franco, I1FQH is operating as 5V7V until March 14. Activity on 80 and 160 meter and maybe 30 and 40 meter. QSL via EA5GL.

6W, SENEGAL Michel, F6AFH is active as 6W7SS until April. QSL via home call.

8P, BARBADOS Bob, G3PJT is operating as 8P9IF until March 13. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call.

8Q, MALDIVES Michael, VK6ZOA is active as 8Q7MJ until May 28. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

8Q, MALDIVES A German team is operating as 8Q7LH until March 9. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DK8ZZ, Club Log OQRS.

9G, GHANA A team of 6 operators is active as 9G5X during March. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO OQRS, LoTW.

<http://www.ossett.net/9G5X/index.html>

9N, NEPAL Kazik, SP6AXW will once again be active as 9N7XW between March 15 and March 31. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

9N, NEPAL Members of the newly formed EI DX Group are operating as 9N7EI until March 20. Operation with up to 5 stations from 80 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS. <https://9n7ei.com/>

9X, RWANDA Harald DF2WO (XT2AW, D44TWO) is QRV until March 11. Activity using mainly digital modes and CW. He will operate from Kigali as 9X2AW. QSL via M0OXO.

C5, THE GAMBIA Jan, PA7X is operating as C5/PA7X until March 13. Operation on 20 meter. QSL via PD0RH.

C6, BAHAMAS Lajos, HB9GIU is operating as C6ABD until March 11. Operation on 40 and 20 meter in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

C6, BAHAMAS Look for M1ACB, M0VFC and M0IDA as C6APY until March 11. Activity with 3 stations from 40 to 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

E5, SOUTH COOK Frank, DJ5NQ is QRV in 'holiday-style' as E51ANQ until March 24. Activity using mainly CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

E5, SOUTH COOK Dom, M1KTA will be operating as E51KTA between March 10 and QMarch 19. Operation during his spare time. His location for the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (March 11-12) will be on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks. After that he might remain on Rarotonga, or move to other IOTA groups, either in the South Cooks or the North Cooks. "Listen hard to see which island it is", he says, "I'll not advertise which one in advance". QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS Tom, DL7UZO is operating as EA8/call from Fuerteventura. QRV until March 11. QSL via Club Log ORS.

EA9, CEUTA & MELILLA Tom EA9/DJ6TF, Sigi EA9/DL7DF, Juergen EA9/DL7UFN and Frank EA9/DL7UFR will be QRV between March 15 and March 22. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via DL7DF, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<http://www.dl7df.com/ea9/>

FG, GUADELOUPE Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV are QRV as FG/calls until March 13. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls.

FG, GUADELOUPE Philippe, F1DUZ is operating as FG4KH until March 26. Operation on HF using SSB and maybe 2 meter EME. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Pierre, F6ITD is operating as TO7D until March 9. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW or via home call, direct.

FS, ST MARTIN Davis, F8AAN is QRV as FS/call until March 10. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE Sigi, DK9FN is QRV as H40FN until March 24. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HK0, SAN ANDRES Will, AA4NC is active during March as 5K0N. QSL via home call, direct only.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is QRV as HR5/call until April 24. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6AJA.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is operating as call/JD1. Operation during his spare until March 15. Operation from 20 to 6 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via JG8NQJ bureau or via JA8CJY direct.

JD1, OGASAWARA Makoto, JI5RPT is once again active as JD1BLY until March 10. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

<http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/>

JW, SVALBARD Tom, OH6VDA is active in 'holiday-style' as JW6VDA until March 22. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or home call.

JW, SVALBARD Kamil, SQ8KFH is active as JW/call while working at the Polish Polar Station in Hornsund. Operation until May 20 on 20 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call and LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Joeke, PA0VDV is active as PJ2/call until end March. Operation using CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

PJ4, BONAIRE K2NG, NA2AA, K3SW, PJ4LS and PJ4DX are QRV until March 11 as PJ4/calls. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A is once again operating as PJ7AA until March 17. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

S2, BANGLADESH Juris YL2GM and team will be operating as S21GM and S21KW between March 15 and March 27. S21GM callsign will be used in the first half of our DX pediton time, S21KW – in the second half. This is caused by the specifics of the regulations in Bangladesh, and not because we want more duplicated QSOs in the log. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OQRS Club Log, YL2GN bureau or direct, LoTW. <http://www.lral.lv/s21gm/index.html>

T2, TUVALU Jacek SP5EAQ and Marek SP7DQR will be operating as T2AQ and T2QR (pending) from March 14 for about 3 weeks. Dates may change "due to the unpredictability of transport during the season of cyclones. Operation from 80 to 10 meter with Jacek running SSB and Marek CW and digital modes. <http://tuvalu.sp7dqr.pl/>

TU, IVORY COAST A 12-man team from Radio-club de Provins F6KOP is operating until March 19 as TU7C. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F1ULQ, direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

<https://tu2017dx.wordpress.com/>

V2, ANTIGUA Babs DL7AFS and Lot DJ7ZG are once again active as V21ZG until March 26. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 meter using mainly SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV. QSL via DL7AFS. <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/>

V3, BELIZE Iain, G4SGX will be QRV as V31GX during the BERU Contest on March 11-12. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW.

V3, BELIZE Paul, VE3AXT is once again operating as V31AX until March 17. QSL via MOURX, OQRS.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Hugh, VE3AYR is operating as VPV/call until March 16. Activity on 20 meter using CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Bill, K2WH is operating as VP2V/call until March 10. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

XT, BURKINA FASO Elvira, IV3FSG is active as XT2SE until March 13. Operation during her spare time from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via IK3GES.

YS, EL SALVADOR Martin DL5RMH and Juan TG9AJR along with members of the Club de Radioaficionados de El Salvador will be operating as YS1YS between March 10 and March 13. Operation with focus on 160, 80 and 40 meter during night hours. QSL via LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Colin, G4CWH is once again active as ZF2CA until March 13. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct only.

Coming up soon

EA9, CEUTA & MELILLA Nobu, JA0JHQ will be QRV as EA9/call between March 20 and March 21. Activity on 17 and 15 meter (40 might be possible) using CW and RTTY. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Philip, WA2ZAM will once again be active as PJ7PL from March 18 until April 3. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 30 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via WA1ZAM.

V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS John, W5JON will once again be active V47JA from March 16 until April 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via W5JON, direct only and LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS Thaire, W2APF will be operating as V47JR from March 18 until April 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

V6, MICRONESIA Susume, JA6REX will once again be operating as V633KS from March 19 until April 3. Activity on 80 and 160 meter. QSL via home call.

ZA, ALBANIA Look for PE1KL, PD5LKM and PA2LS as ZA/PA2LS from March 22 until March 29. Activity from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via PA2LS, bureau or direct.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Fred K5QBX and Royce KE5TC will be active as ZF2FL and ZF2TC from March 20 until March 27. Activity in 'holiday-style' using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via homecalls.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Royce, KE5TC will be operating as ZF2TC from March 20 until March 27. Operation in 'holiday-style' using SSB and slow CW. QSL via home call.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Kan, JJ2RCJ will be operating as ZF2CJ from March 20 until March 24. Activity from the ZF1A shack from 80 to 6 meter using mostly RTTY. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

Antarctic base stations

Bellinghausen station Alex, UA1OJL will be QRV as RI1ANO between April and March 2018. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

Dumont d'Urville Station update 'QRN (S9+) Francois has moved station. Less comfort (5°C in new shack). Be patient, he will be back soon on the air.' Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February 1, 2018. QSL via F6KPQ. <https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>)

Machu Picchu Base Look for OA0MP until March 31. QSL via OA4O.

Neumayer Station III Daniel, DL1SU, works as an electronics engineer at the base. He uses the club call sign DP0GVN until February 2018. QSL cards for DP0GVN will be handled by DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau.

Syowa research station Yath, JG2MLI is operating as 8J1RL until January 2018. In addition, to mark the 60th anniversary of Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions, Yath will also use the call 8J60JARE. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via bureau and LoTW, for direct via JG2MLI.

On the scene

Ronald PA3EWP informs the final logs are now on Club Log. 39K QSO's were logged. The team arrived yesterday safely to Tahiti. [Thanks Team VP6EU for picture!]



9N7EI team now underway to Nepal from Dublin via Abu Dhabi.



IOTA

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This week on HF

AS-026 Cheju Isl Taka, JA8COE is operating as HL4/call until March 11. Operation from 40 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as026>

AS-126 Lipe Isl Look for E20HHK/P on March 11 and 12. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, logsearch on Club Log. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as126>

EU-063 Hopen Isl Erik, LA2US is operating as JW2US until June. Operation around the IOTA frequencies using CW during his spare time. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU063>

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Look for VY0ERC until early April. QSL via M0OXO OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA008>

NA-054 Berry Isl John M0IDA, Rob M0VFC and Steve M1ACB are operating as C6APY. Dates are depending the weather but assume until around March 10 or 11. Operation with 3 stations on the higher bands. QSL via M0OXO OQRS, LoTW, logsearch on Club Log. <http://dx-world.net/c6apy-berry-islands-na-054-bahamas/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA054>

SA-061 Mocha Isl A team is operating as XR5M until March 13. Operation on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL via IK2DUW. More to follow.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA061>

Coming up soon

AS-200 Shodo Isl Take, JI3DST will be operating as JI3DST/5 (CW and SSB) or as JS6RRR/5 (RTTY and FM), Fusao JA5DUR will be active as call/5. Activity from March 17 until March 21. QSL via homecalls, bureau preferred.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS200>

NA-061 Kaien Isl Mike, VE7ACN will be QRV as VE7ACN/7 from March 21 until March 26. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA061>

OC-123 Niuafo'ou Isl Masa, JA0RQV will retry to be QRV as A35JP/P from March 22 until March 28. His Majesty Armed Forces of Tonga (NAVY) will officially cooperate this activation by transporting Masa to OC-123 as their personal mission. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

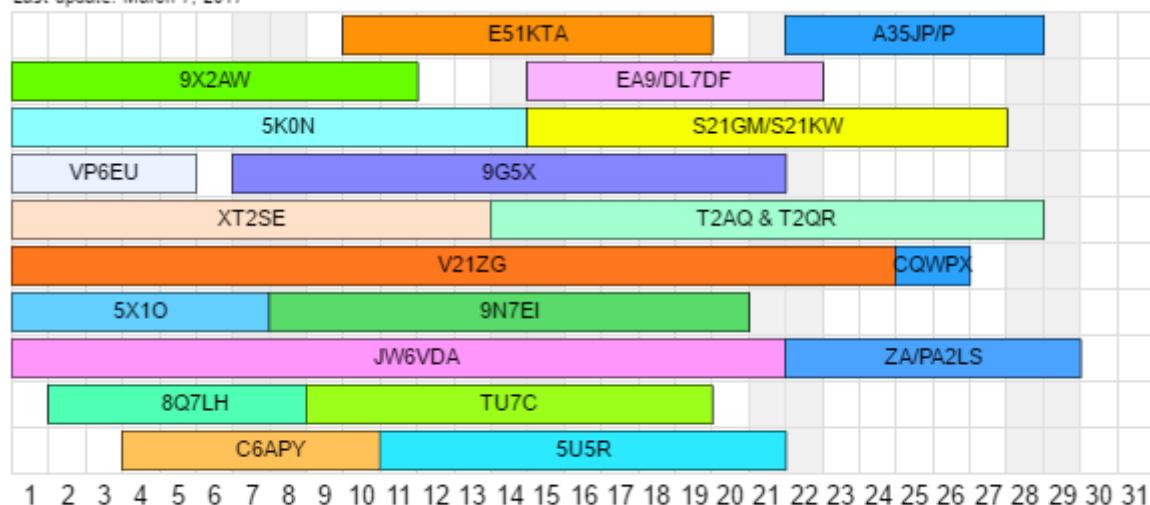
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC-123>

<http://dx-world.net/a35jp-p-niuafou-island-oc-123/>

OC-177 Seribu Isl An Indonesian team will be operating as YE0S from March 20 until March 27. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS. More on QRZ.com. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC177>

DX Timeline by **DXWORLD.net**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

S7, SEYCHELLES Operators OK1FFU, OK1JKT, OK1NY, OK1RI, OK1VVT and OM5AW will be operating as S79Z from April 6 until April 18. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via OM2FY, LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON Seb, F5UFX announces 'after our successful dxpeditions to tromelin (ft4ta) and juan de nova (ft4ja), we are very happy to announce our new project. our team will be active from saint brandon island 3B7 in October 2017 for a two weeks operation. more details to follow soon!'

3D2, ROTUMA The next Rotuma Island (3D2AG/p) DXpedition looks likely March 25th to April 22nd (depending on boat schedules). More news will be posted on Antoine's QRZ page! Coverage will be 160 to 6m, including 60m (5 MHz). There will be NO internet while on the island.

3Y, BOUVET ISL A large team led by Bob K4UEE, Erling LA6VM and Ralph K0IR will be operating from the most remote place on earth. The DXpedition is taking place early 2018. <http://www.dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>
<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

A2, BOTSWANA A large team led by Nobby G0VJG will be QRV as A25UK from April 25 until May 6. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO. <http://www.a25uk.com/>

CEOY, EASTER ISLAND Eliot, W1MJ will be operating as CEOY/call from April 2 until April 6. Activity from 40 to 15 meter. QSL via home call.

E4, PALESTINE Members of the True DXing Group with SP9FIG, SQ9CNN and SQ9D will be QRV as E44WE early spring 2017. QSL via SP9FIH, Club Log OQRS.
<http://www.e4.dxpeditions.org/>

E5, SOUTH COOKS Doug, W6HB will once again be QRV as E51DLD between April 28 and May 3. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

ER, MOLDOVA Members of the Beskidzki's ARC will be active as ER0PL from April 23 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via SP9KAT, direct or bureau, logsearch on Club Log.

FG, GUADELOUPE Reiner, DL2AAZ will be QRV in 'holiday-style' as FG/call between May 22 and June 7. Operation from 30 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Look once again for FP/KV1J between July 4 and July 18. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly SSB and RTTY with some CW. QSL via LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July17.html>

FS, ST MARTIN Paul, W7NZJ will once again be active as FS/call from April 7 until April 16. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and digital modes. QSL via eqsl.

GD, ISLE OF MAN The Barry ARS will be QRV as GT4BRS from April 15 until April 22. They aim to be QRV on CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65. Also planned is Top Band and Special efforts on 5Mhz to West Coast of USA (CW & JT65 & SSB) to give all time new one on 60 metres. QSL via DJ6OI.

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE Stan, LZ1GC will once again be QRV as H40GC between October 3 and October 17. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.c21gc.com/>

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN Members from Stirling District ARS and GMDX group will be operating as HB0/GM4UYE from June 1 until June 6. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. Whilst looking to give people an ATNO, ANY MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED to Yorkhill Children's Charity / Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, Scotland. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Look for G80FQ, KG0YL, VK2BXE and WB2REM will be operating as HD8M between September 14 and September 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log OQRS.

KH2, GUAM Tony, EA5BY will be QRV as KH2BY between March 29 and April 10. Activity from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

KH2, GUAM Santos EA4AK and Tony EA5BY will be operating as AH2P and KH2BY from March 29 until April 10. Efforts will be made on the bands/nodes that are needed most. QSL via LoTW, OQRS Club Log.

PJ5, SABA & ST EUSTATIUS

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PJ7, ST MAARTEN

Frank, PH2M will be QRV between May 19 and June 4. More to follow.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN LU1FM, LU2CJW, LU3FMD, LU4FBU and LU9FHF will be active as PJ7T between October 24 and November 4. QRV on HF. QSL via LU1FM, LoTW.

PY0T, TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLAND A DXpedition is planned during 2018. More to follow.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI Chris, VK3FY will be active as T30T from Tarawa, Kiribati. Activity in December, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will again be operating as T88UW between April 14 and April 21. Focus will be on 6 meter and digital modes. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log.

T8, PALAU Japanese operators JM1LIG/T88FM, JL1HYH/T88HY, JO3LVG/T88MK, JI6NCY/T88NC, JA6UBY/T88RR and JH6DUL/T88VV will be active between June 16 and June 23. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be operating as V4/calls between July 1 and July 9. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via homecalls.

V7, MARSHALL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will once again be QRV as V73XG from April 5 until April 13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Chris VK3FY, Lee VK3GK, Tony VK3TZ and others will be active as VK9XI from Christmas and as VK9CI from Cocos Keeling Isl.

-Christmas Isl from October 2 until October 10

-Cocos Keeling Isl from October 10 until October 17

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on the low bands. QSL via MOOXO, OQRS.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF Hawk SM5AQ and Rob N7QT are planning a DXpedition this November. Currently working to obtain landing rights and a VK0M callsign. A team of 8 operators will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.

YJ, VANUATU Look once again for YJ0GA from July 6 until July 13. Operation in 'holiday-style' with efforts to look for 20 and 30 meter for Western Europe. All QSL donations will be used to support the children at the Little Lights Preschool. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Al, KZ3AB will operate from Grand Cayman as ZF2AB from April 29 until May 6. Operation on HF. QSL via WA3EOP.

Announced IOTA

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AF-020 Rubane Isl Josep EA3BT and Nuria EA3WL will be operating as J5B and J5W between April 7 and April 15. Activity from 40 to 6 meter (maybe 80) using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL for both calls via EA3BT.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF020>

EU-048 Houat Isl Members of the Charente DX Group will be active from April 8 until April 14 as TM2H. QSL via ON4ZD. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU048>

THE REMINDERS

AF-094 Rachgoun Isl The Algerian Amateur Radio Union is planning a trip to AF-094 with the call 7Y94I. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF094>

AF-108 Tigres Isl A 8-man team will be operating the first half of June. The full planning is in stage. Website and full details to follow. This IOTA group has never been activated before. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF108>

AS-022 Leont'yeva Isl Yury R2DG, Vasily R7AA and Yevgeny UA6EX will be operating as RI0LI between July 24 and July 31. Activity is planned with 2 stations on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or R7AA direct or bureau.

<http://www.ri0li.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS022>

AS-039 Commander Isl A group will be active during July-August 2017 as RI0Z. Commander Islands — an archipelago of four Islands in the South-Western part of the Bering sea of the Pacific ocean. The administrative part of the Aleut district of the

Kamchatka Krai of Russia. The island is named after who discovered them in 1741, Explorer commander Vitus Bering.

In the team's plans included visiting the most remote Islands – Mednyj (Copper). Island remote from the American Aleutian Islands at a distance of 190 miles.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS039>

AS-071 Arakamchechen Isl The Russian Robinson Club is announcing an IOTA DXpedition to AS-071 as R71RRC, operation from April 7 until April 17 on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via UA3AKO, OQRS, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS071>

AS-069 Iony Isl A Russian Robinson Team with R7AL, RA1ZZ, RW5D and RK8A will be QRV as RI0C during the second half of July 2017. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital mode. <http://www.iony2017.com/eng>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS069>

AS-182 Mon Region group <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as182>

AS-183 Tenasserim Region North group

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as183>

AS-184 Preparis Channel group <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as184>

Derek G3KHZ, Hans SM6CVX, Nils SM6CAS, Ulrika SM7WYN and Eddy K5WQG will be operating from 3 new Iota groups. Dates to be announced. The plan is to stay 6 days on each island and operate using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.

EU-008 Isle of Mull A team from Tynemouth ARC will be operating as GS0NWM from April 21 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via MOURX, OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU008>

EU-030 Bornholm Isl Fred, SM7DAY will be QRV as OZ/call/P between May 3 and May 10. Activity on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU030>

EU-128 Fehmarn Isl Look for ON6ZV, ON6OM, ON7EG and ON4MW as DL/ON4IPA and DL/OO6P from June 17 until June 23. QSL via ON6ZV, direct or bureau. More on <http://www.qsl.net/o/on6om//EU-128/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=eu128>

EU-137 Ven Isl SA7G/7 will be active from June 4 until June 11. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW. QSL via SM6CUK, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU137>

NA-019 Kodiak Isl Chris, VK3FY will be operating as KL7/call during July, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA019>

NA-072 Taboga Isl HP1MAC and HP1RIS will be operating as H91IT during April 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via HP1RCP Radio Club de Panama. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA072>

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Nelson NE4LS and John KE4IDW will be operating as N4T between April 21 and April 24. Activity on HF using CW and SSB with low power. QSL via NE4LS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA079>

NA-173 Charlton Isl A team with VA2AMH, VE2MBT, VE2SSS, VE2WHZ and VE2YAG will be active as VY0/VA2NDX from July 28 until July 30. Operation on HF before and after the IOTA contest. QSL via F4BHW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA173>

OC-008 New Britain Isl Haru, JA1XGI will be active as P29VXG between April 6 and April 12. Operation using mainly CW and digital modes. Focus on working Europe on JT65. QSL via home call, LoTW, logsearch Club Log.

<http://island.geocities.jp/P29vacation/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC008>

OC-128 Palawan Isl Dale, KE0BRZ will be operating in 'holiday-style' as DU1/call from August 18 until August 22. Operation mainly on 20 meter using SSB.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC128>

OC-151 Flores Isl Leo, YC9MLL will be QRV from Flores in July. Operation on 15 and 20 meter, maybe 40 meter. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC151>

OC-198 North Isl Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/8 from October 12 until October 16. This is a super rare IOTA. More on <https://oc198.wordpress.com/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc198>

Craig mentions 'THIS WILL BE ONE OF MY MOST ADVENTUROUS AND EXCITING ONE MAN DXPEDITIONS EVER. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BRING THIS ON THE AIR SINCE 2011 AND SO I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE AIR'.

OC-216 Ashmore Reef Craig, VK5CE will activate this island early November as VK5CE/9. The IOTA is claimed by just 3.2% (and will go lower after the annual listings are updated) and it is equal 5th in the world in the IOTA Most Wanted List. This is a one man operation using a tent and generator and the cost is over \$14,000. Full details are at <https://ashmorereef.wordpress.com/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC216>

OC-226 Mwokil Isl Mami, JP3AYQ is planning a trip to the rare IOTA's of V6. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc226>

OC-233 Bruny Isl Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/7 between April 22 and April 23. The focus will be North America on 40m/20m during the day and early evening and then Europe on 40m/20m during the late night and early morning. There is a direct salt water short path to Europe and JA. <https://oc233.wordpress.com/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC233>

OC-235 Siargao Isl Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as DU9/call between May 9 and May 16. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC235>

OC-267 Marion Reef Andrey, VK5MAV will be QRV as VK9MAV end May –June 2017. QSL via Club Log OQRS, RN3RQ via bureau and LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc267>

SA-028 Sao Sebastiao Isl Look for LU9EFO, PU2KBD and PU7TDX as PY2/call between March 24 and March 26. Operation on HF using SSB. QSL via F4BHW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA028>

Special call

THE NEWCOMERS

GI, NORTHERN IRELAND **GB1SPD** and **GB5SPD** are celebrating St Patrick's Day from Northern Ireland. QSLs via homecalls, direct or bureau. The St Patrick's Day on the air event will run from 12 UTC on March 16 until 12 UTC on March 18.

<http://stpatrickaward.webs.com/>

LY, LITHUANIA **LY27W** is active until March 31 and **LY27A** is active until April 11. This to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the Act of the Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania. QSL via LY5W and via LY5A.

THE REMINDERS

5B, CYPRUS **H2017PFO** is the special call until end 2017 to celebrate that Paphos (Cyprus) has the honour of being the European Capital of Culture for 2017 together with Aarhus (Denmark). QSL via Club Log OQRS or via 5B4AIE, direct preferred.

9H, MALTA Special call **9H2017EU** celebrates the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Activity until June. QSL via 9H1SP, direct only.

9N, NEPAL Satish, 9N1AA will be operating as **9N1MD** during April. This to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Mediterraneo DX Club. QSL via IZ1BVZ.

DL, GERMANY **DR60VKL** is the special call to mark the 60th anniversary of the DARC ARC Voelklingen. Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Special calls **DR500MLE**, **DR1517LU**, **DR5LUTHER**, **DC500LS**, **DM5LUTHER** and **DL500ML** are QRV during 2017 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg are active as **DR0HARZ** during 2017 to mark the 25th anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway. QSL via DF7AA, direct or bureau.

DL, GERMANY Look for **DB20ENERGY** to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the German Company DB Energie. Operation until end 2017. QSL via bureau or via DM2DX direct.

DL, GERMANY DR60SAL is the special call to celebrate the reunification of Saarland with the Fed. Rep of Germany 60 years ago. Operation during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the ARC Wittenberg (DOK W29) will be operating as **DR1517LU** during 2017. This to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY The DARC club Marsberg (DOK O53) is celebrating its 30th anniversary until June with the special call **DL0MHD**. QSL via bureau.

EI, IRELAND The following nine special event calls are drawing attention to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way" along the island's western coast during 2017.

EI1WAW - County Donegal

EI22WAW - County Leitrim

EI33WAW - County Sligo

EI44WAW - County Mayo

EI55WAW - County Galway

EI66WAW - County Clare

EI77WAW - County Limerick

EI88WAW - County Kerry

EI99WAW - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

F, FRANCE TM50KOK is the call to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Chatellerault ARC. Activity until March 15. QSL via F5KOK, direct or bureau.

HA, HUNGARY Special call **HG14HST** is active to promote the 14th IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship that will be held in Esztergom, Hungary on September 8-12. QSL via HA2NA and LoTW. <http://www.hst2017.org/en/>

HA, HUNGARY The MTTOSZ Györ Varosi Radioklub is using the call **HG17EYOF** until August 31 to celebrate the European Youth Olympic Festival (a biennial multi-sport event for youth athletes from the 48 member countries of the association of European Olympic Committees) which will be held in Györ on 23-29 July. QSL direct only to MTTOSZ Györ Varosi Radioklub, Györ, Nagysandor József u. 27, 9027, Hungary.

I, ITALY II1TON is the special call to celebrate the 90th anniversary of ARI Torino. Activity until June 30. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

I, ITALY Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Insubria Radio (IQ2IR), special call **IR2XIR** will be used during 2017. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via 9A8MDC.

LA, NORWAY LM10HAM is the special call to mark the Norsk Hammeeting 2017. Activity until April 2. QSL via LA2G, direct or bureau, LoTW.

LA, NORWAY LM80REX and **LM80Q** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

LZ, BULGARY Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use these special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **LZ303MA** (March), **LZ303SA** (April), **LZ395SG** (May), **LZ121SBS** (June), **LZ284SKD** (July), **LZ55UPB** (August), **LZ100SK** (September), **LZ251MKP** (October), **LZ307MU** (November) and **LZ710SG** (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2017" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com>.

OH, FINLAND Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate the special call **OF100FI/#** (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9). Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

OM, SLOVAK REP OM42KYSUCE is active to mark the 42nd ARDF Kysuca Cup. Activity until end June. QSL via OM3CND, bureau or direct.

OM, SLOVAK REP Pavel, OM3CND will use **OM685RADOLA** to celebrate the 685th anniversary of the town Radol'a. Activity during 2017. QSL via OM3CND.

ON, BELGIUM Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **OP17HC**. This to commemorate the First World War. QSL via ON7PP.

<http://uba.be/en/latest/flash/uba-14-18-award>

OZ, DENMARK **OZ44C** marks Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki Expedition (LI2B/mm) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of 2017. QSL via 5P2BA, direct or bureau.

OZ, DENMARK Look for **OZ1AARHUS** to mark the City Aarhus being one of the two European Capitals of Culture in 2017.

OZ, DENMARK The Danish radio club Eksperimenterende Danske Radio-amatoere (EDR) will celebrate its 70th anniversary with the special event calls **5P90EDR**, **OV90EDR**, **OX90EDR**, **OZ90EDR**, **OZ7D** (only in JT-modes) during 2017. An award will also be available. QSL via OZ1ACB, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

OZ, DENMARK To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, special call **OZ100DVI** will be active during 2017. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the US Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS **PA2017BP** is the special call to commemorate Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the scout movement. Activity until March 20. QSL via PA3EFR.

S5, SLOVENIA Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Radio Club Cerkno (S50E). QSL confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, direct via S500.

SP, POLAND Zbigniew, SP2IU is celebrating his 60th year on the air with the special call **HF60IU**. Operation until May 15. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

UA, RUSSIA The Radio Marathon "Moscow-870" is QRV end 2017. Special calls to be active during March are **R8700** (March 1-10), **R1918M** (March 11-20) and **R1611M** (March 21-31). Detailed information on the event and the award programme can be found at <http://www.moscow870.com>

UA, RUSSIA Look for **R108M** (QSL via RK3LC), **R12APR** (QSL via R3LO), **R1934G** (QSL via R3LC) and **RG61PP** (QSL via RZ3LC) until April 30 to commemorate the 56th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into outer space.

<http://www.gagarin.ga/> for complete information on the event, online logs and the relevant awards.

UA2, KALININGRAD **R1336FO** and **R680FBO** are operating until April 20 to celebrate the 680th anniversary of the city of Chernyakhovsk. QSL via R2FBO.

UR, UKRAINE The Druzhkivka Club is celebrating its 90th anniversary as **EN90IWA**. QRV until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

VE, CANADA Members of the Kings County ARC are active as **XM1150CAN**, this to mark the founding of Canada 150 years ago. Active until end 2017. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

VK, AUSTRALIA **VI8BOD** is the special call to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin during WW II. Operation until March 28. QSL via M0URX OQRS.

W, USA The "KB7QPS Air, Space and Technology Operating Event" is commemorating man's historical milestones in air, space and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve callsigns (see below) during 2017. QSL direct to KB7QPS.

<http://airspacetechology.webs.com/>

| Callsign | SES Title | Event Dates |
|----------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| N6R | 3 Generations of Mars Rovers | 1/19/17 - 1/23/17 |
| W7J | Discovery of Jupiter's Moons | 2/2/17 - 2/6/17 |
| W7C | First Flight of the Concorde | 3/2/17 - 3/6/17 |
| N7S | First Space Shuttle Launch | 4/13/17 - 4/17/17 |
| N7T | Hubble Space Telescope | 5/18/17 - 5/22/17 |
| W7S | Discovery of Sunspots | 6/8/17 - 6/12/17 |
| N7M | Man Walking on the Moon | 7/20/17 - 7/24/17 |
| K7I | Birth of the IBM-PC | 8/10/17 - 8/14/17 |
| W7F | First Flight of the F-22 | 9/7/17 - 9/11/17 |
| K7S | Sputnik Launch | 9/28/17 - 10/2/17 |
| K7E | Invention of the Electron Tube | 11/9/17 - 11/13/17 |
| W7D | Dreamliner First Flight | 12/14/17 - 12/18/17 |

XE, MEXICO Celebrating the spring equinox, which was important in Mayan culture, a group of operators will be active as **6E3MAYA** between March 18 and March 21 from different archaeological sites in the Mexican states of Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco, Chiapas and Quintana Roo. Activity from 80 to 6 meters using SSB, CW, digital modes and satellite. QSL via XE3N and LoTW.

XE, MEXICO Radio Club Queretaro (XE1RCQ) is active as **6E0C** until April 30 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Constitution of Mexico, drafted in Santiago de Queretaro by the Constitutional Congress and promulgated on 5 February 1917. QSL via Club Log's QRSS, or via XE1EE direct or bureau.